heads a far larger organisation with higher budgetary allocations and commitments as compared to the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services. This is reflected in the quantum and ambit of financial powers exercised by the Heads of the two Organisations. Government has been enhancing the financial powers of the Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services, from time to time as found necessary.

4456. (Transferred to the 30th August 1988.

Setting up of Pirate Radio Station in Pakistan by Extremists

4457. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of reports that Punjab extremists have taken to Pakistan some valuable equipments from Britain for setting up three pirate radio stations on Indo-Pak borders, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the issue has been taken with UK Government, if so, its response thereto;

(c) whether Pakistan Government has been asked not to give extremists any broadcasting facilities; and

(d) the measures taken to check their designs arid put out of action these radio station?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO) : fa) It has come to the notice of the Government that on two occasions recently, some Wireless Equipment which could be converted into Radio .transmitting stations, were purchased in UK by anti-Indian extremists and taken to Pakistan. The Government is, however, not aware whether this equipment has been used for setting up private radio station on Indo-Pak borders.

(b) The matter was taken up with the UK Government, who informed that equipment was normally available in the open market in UK and there was no prohibition in its purchase and transportation out of UK. Hence, the UK authorities could not prevent this equipment from being transported outside UK.

(c) and (d) The information about the reported transportation of Radio-transmitting equipment to Pakistan was conveyed to the Govt, of Pakistan with the request to share with us information about the whereabouts of the terrorists involved. It was also inquired from the Govt, of Pakistan whether the •extremists involved were denied entry into Pakistan.

Chinese Missiles for Pakistan

4458. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports that China has decided to sell a substantial number of short range surface-to-surface missiles to Pakistan ;

(b) if so, what is Government's own information on the subject and what is Government's reaction thereto ; and

(c) whether China has also agreed to sell M-9 short range missiles to Pakistan; what is Government's information ?